



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Officer

DATE: May 7, 2008

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item V(p): Consideration of resolution assigning rights to the Watershed Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A Excess Funds to fund the South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition Project, along the Los Angeles River, City of South Gate.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution assigning rights to the Watershed Conservation Authority to apply to the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District for First Supervisorial District Proposition A "Big Five" Excess Funds to fund the South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition Project, along the Los Angeles River in the amount of \$450,000.

Background: District One "Big Five" Excess Funds can only be spent in District One. Expenditure of the subject sub-account of excess funds requires consensus between the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority and the District Supervisor. The Watershed Conservation Authority (WCA) would enter into a Project Agreement directly with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District and no further work would be required of MRCA.

The South Gate Riparian Restoration Acquisition Project consists of the acquisition of 6.71-acres of land along the lower Los Angeles River in the city of South Gate. As part of a larger development project, the South Gate Riparian Restoration Project, the site will offer potential habitat restoration, enhanced public access along the lower Los Angeles River and opportunities for retaining regional storm runoff on site to improve the quality of water discharged into the river. The total funding for the acquisition project is \$650,000. The remaining \$200,000 is funded through a grant from the Rivers and Mountains Conservancy.

The focus of the WCA is on projects which will provide open space, habitat restoration, and watershed improvement projects in the watersheds of both the San Gabriel River and the Lower Los Angeles River.